

Fast Linearized Coronagraph Optimizer (FALCO)

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Introduction

FALCO is an **open-source, modular software** collection for **coronagraphy** and wavefront sensing and control (WFSC).

- Provides example WFSC code and models for several coronagraph types.
 - Can be used for
 - coronagraph **design**
 - optical **modeling** (of WFSC, tolerances, etc)
 - high-level **testbed operation**
 - Builds upon the **PROPER** optical propagation library by J. Krist.
- Provides a *community software platform* for researchers to:
 - save hundreds of hours** from not having to re-invent coronagraph design/modeling/testing code from scratch.
 - See and run examples of “standard” WFSC algorithms** for coronagraphy (e.g., Speckle Nulling and EFC).
 - Contribute working examples of new algorithms** by writing new functions for FALCO.

Availability: Open-Source at Github.com

• **MATLAB:** github.com/ajeldorado/falco-matlab

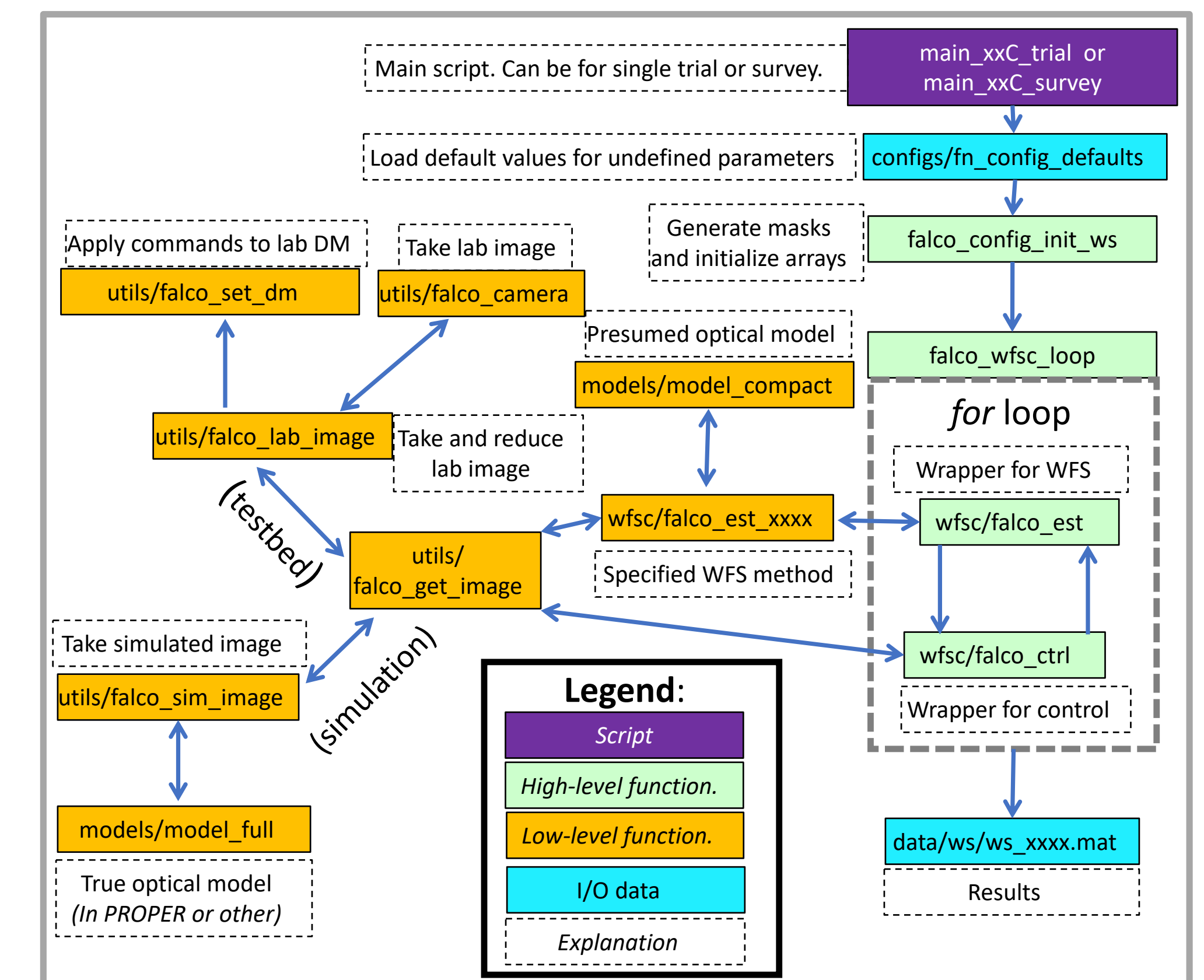
• **Python 3.6:** (available in late 2018)

Key Features of FALCO

- Rapidly calculates DM-response matrices** (aka control Jacobians)
 - Algorithms used are orders of magnitude faster than conventional, direct methods.
 - Achieved using **matrix Fourier transforms (MFTs)** and **sub-array propagation** as appropriate.
 - May enable on-orbit calculations of control Jacobians.
- Testbed-specific code is modular and portable** to different high-contrast coronagraph testbeds.
- Provides **many example scripts** to use as starting points.

Code Structure

- FALCO (in Matlab) has a versatile, modular code structure with a straightforward data flow.
 - Easily toggle between testbed and simulation
- Python version will be re-designed to be object-oriented.



Current Features

- Support for many coronagraphs (Lyot, hybrid Lyot, vortex, APP, SPC, APLC)
- Electric Field Conjugation (EFC)
- Xinetics DM models
- Parallelization of large calculations.
- Functions to generate pupil masks: LUVOR A/B, WFIRST, HabEx, Keck

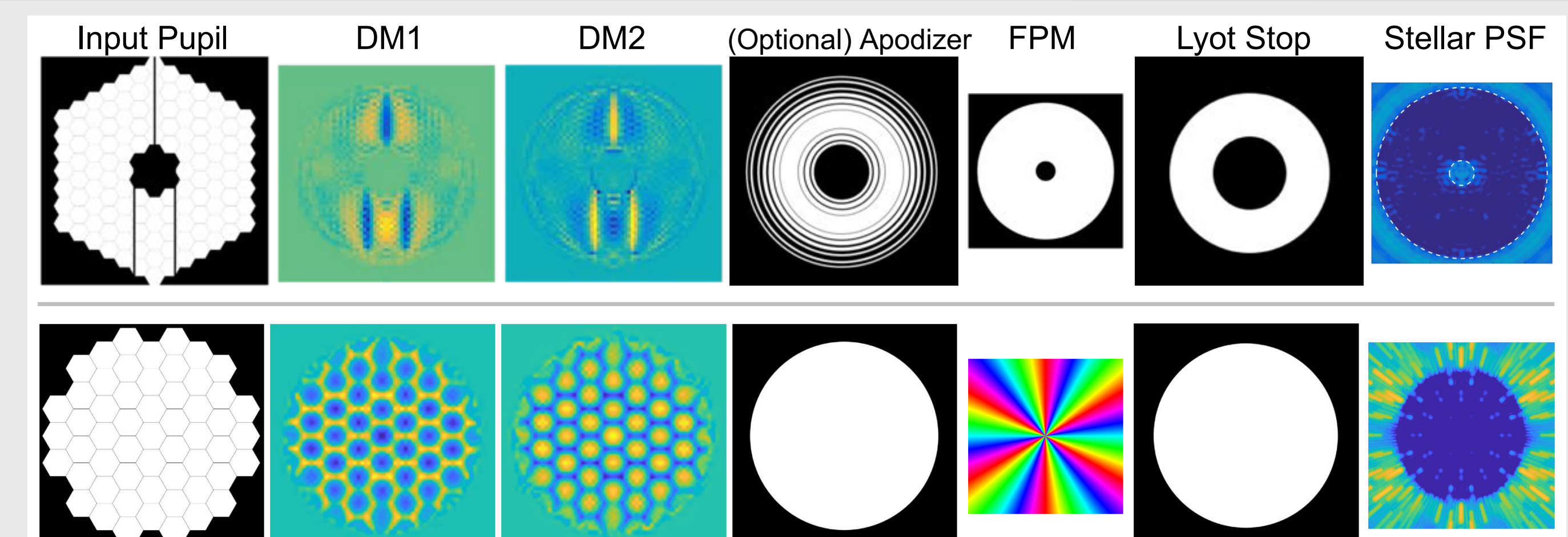


Upcoming Features

- Pair-wise probing estimator (as batch process and Kalman filter)
- Speckle Nulling controller
- Testbed compatibility
 - Being tested on Caltech's HCST
 - Earlier versions of FALCO have run the testbeds at Princeton, JPL, and STScI
- Calibration routines:
 - Phase retrieval
 - Image sharpening
- Boston Micromachines DM model

Examples

Examples of FALCO for DM-integrated designs with two mission concepts.



Related Posters & Talks

- FALCO II: Validation, E. Sidick, Paper 10698-165
- FALCO III: Trade Studies, C. Coker, Paper 10698-174
- FALCO IV: Design Survey, G. Ruane, Paper 10698-167
- HCST Results, G. Ruane, Paper 10698-50

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